

## CLAIMS

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What is claimed is:

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Claim

1. A method of playing a card game among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker. The method comprising the following steps:  
5 ✓ (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus at least one Joker;  
✓ (b) each Player placing either a Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager or a Poker Bet wager, or both;  
✓ (c) dealing cards into enough dealt hands of seven cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;  
10 ✓ (d) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;  
✓ (e) from their own seven-card dealt hand, each Player and the Banker selecting their own best 5-card poker hand and discarding two other cards;  
15 ✓ (f) determining whether each Player's Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager wins or loses, if any;  
✓ (g) settling each Player's Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager with the Banker;  
✓ (h) comparing each Player's best 5-card poker hand to the Banker's according to the rankings of the Poker Bet game;  
20 ✓ (i) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, and settling each Player's Poker Bet wager with the Banker, if any.

4 2. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the card game of the invention uses one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus one Joker.

5 3. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Joker may be used as an Ace or to form a Straight or Flush.

6 4. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is a pair of Aces, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, Royal Flush or 5 Aces; this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is any other type of hand.

7 5. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4, wherein the Player's winning Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager is paid Even Money (1 to 1) on a hand of Two Pair or better, and is paid one and one half of the wager (3 to 2) on a hand that has two or more Aces in either the Player's best 5-card poker hand or the Player's seven dealt cards.

10 6. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4, wherein the Player's winning Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager is paid Even Money (1 to 1) on a hand of a pair of Aces, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight or Flush, and is paid 5 to 2 on a hand of Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, Royal Flush or 5 Aces.

40 7. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein each Player's best 5-card poker hand is compared to the Banker's according to the rankings of the Poker

no joker  
different kind of bet.  
Dealer has no cards  
resolved, effectively  
no play dealer compare  
win/lose only

Bet game, which are ranked in descending order as follows: 5 Aces, Royal Flush, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card; Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2; and A2345 is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest Straight.

5        8. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses. If the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins, and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) or one half of the wager (1 to 2) if the Banker's losing hand is King-Jack or lower.

10      9. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses. If the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins, and is paid either Even Money (1 to 1) or one half of the wager (1 to 2) if the Banker's losing hand is a predetermined ranking hand or a lower ranking hand.

15      10. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are determined as follows: If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is 'not' a qualifying hand of King-Queen or better (a King-Queen-high hand or a better hand), this wager wins and is paid one half of the wager (1 to 2). If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is King-Queen or better, this wager loses. If the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is King-Queen or better, two hands push and this wager neither wins or loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is King-Queen or better, this wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

20      11. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are determined as follows: If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is 'not' a qualifying hand of a predetermined ranking hand or a better ranking hand, this wager wins and is paid one half of the wager (1 to 2). If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand, this wager loses. If the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand, this wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

12. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are determined as follows: *If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is 'not' a qualifying hand of a predetermined ranking hand or a better ranking hand, this wager pushes and no money is won or lost.* If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand, this wager loses. If the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand, this wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

5                   13. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses. If the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker, this wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1), *less a certain percent of commission.*

10                  14. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Joker may be used as any card.

15                  15. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight.

20                  16. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein each Player and the Banker may receive their own hand in either one of the following fashions:

25                 (a) they receive their own seven cards and no community cards;  
                       (b) they receive their own six cards and one community card;  
                       (c) they receive their own five cards and two community cards;  
                       (d) they receive their own four cards and three community cards;  
                       (e) they receive their own three cards and four community cards;  
                       (f) they receive their own two cards and five community cards;  
                       (g) they receive their own one card and six community cards;  
                       (h) they receive no card their own and seven community cards.

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